(d) the T. A. drawn by the members of the Committee up to date;

(e) in how many years' time the Committee is likely to finish its appointed work?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—(a) 8th March 1926.

(b), (c) & (d). The Member is referred to the answer to question No. 149.

(e) The Government are unable to say anything about the matter now.

The transfer of Registrars.

151. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether there is any order implied or explicit to the effect that Registrars should be transferred every 3 years; and

(b) if so, what is the intention thereof?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) Yes.

(b) The intention is that no Registrar should be in the same station for an indefinitely long period.

The constitution of the Government of Cochin.

152. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to define what is meant by "the Government of Cochin", and say who all constitute it, and whether the Legislative Council does not form a part of it?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The Member is referred to the answer to question 214 of the last budget session. As to the latter part, please see Regulation VIII of 1098, the Legislative Council Regulation.

The Dpartmental Administration Reports for 1100.

153. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state that *the Administration Reports* of all the departments for 1100 are not yet ready, and if they are ready, why copies of all of them have not yet been supplied to the non-official members of the Legislative Council, and whether arrangements will soon be made to supply them to the Members?

Mr A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—*The Administration Reports* of all the departments for 1100 were got ready as usual, and copies of such Reports as were printed were supplied to the non-official Members of the Legislative Council.

The increase of pay of subordinate officers.

154. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to mention that, following the assurance given at the last session of the Legislative Council, the Government have passed orders giving any extra allowance or an increase of pay to th:

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subordinate officials, and if so, whether those orders be placed on the table, and if no step has been taken in this direction, to state the reason for it ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar—The Government have already explained their attitude towards this question at the time.

The invitation of Council Members to Darbar functions.

155. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform.—

(a) after making enquiries, if necessary, that the Members of the Travancore Legislative Council are generally invited or not to Darbar meetings, and that in so inviting no distinction of caste or creed is observed;

(b) if our Government have now begun to follow any rule, principle, method or order of precedence in inviting non-official Members to Darbar meetings or in drawing up the list of the non-official Members to be invited, and if so, what is it;

(c) that the Government have any objection to follow what is being done in Travancore in this matter ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) The Government do not think it necessary to make an enquiry of the kind.

(b) Vide answer to question 2 (a) and (b) of the last budget session of the Council.

(c) The Government see no necessity to deviate from the practice already obtaining here.

156. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table of the Council Members the present list of non-official Members to whom invitations will be sent to Darbar meetings, and to state of these how many are Cochinites, and of the Cochinites, how many are (1) caste-Hindus, (2) non-caste Hindus, (3) Christians, (4) Muhammadans and (5) Jews, and whether the Government have any objection to increase the number of the so-called untouchables to be invited to Darbar meetings, and if there is any objection to do so, to state the reason ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The Government have nothing to add to what has been said with reference to question 327 of the legislative session of 1101.

The re-organisation of the Excise Department.

157. Mr. Chakko Cheruvattur.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether a re-organisation of the Excise Department was proposed by the late Superintendent of Excise;

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